



EL/RAMP

ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ANALYSIS AND MONITORING PROGRAM

The Environmental Legislative and Regulatory Analysis Monitoring Program (EL/RAMP), established by the Army in 1996, seeks to identify, monitor, and respond to proposed federal and state environmental and related legislation and regulations that could adversely impact the Army and DoD. The program includes EL/RAMP-F, which monitors federal environmental regulations and legislation, and EL/RAMP-S, which monitors state environmental regulations and legislation.

The EL/RAMP mission is to assist the Army in maintaining readiness through the Army's proactive participation in the legislative and regulatory processes that develop environmental requirements at the federal and state levels. This is done by identifying, monitoring, and responding to environmental and related legislation and regulations, as well as formulating proposed improvements to environmental requirements and developing effective compliance strategies.

EL/RAMP-F RELATED ACTIVITIES

In addition to identifying, monitoring, and responding to proposed legislation and regulations, an additional role of EL/RAMP-F is to inform Army installations and leadership of new or changing federal environmental requirements as early as possible in the process. As the legislative or regulatory actions progress, the EL/RAMP team prepares and distributes documentation outlining the reasons and implications of any pertinent actions, and commenting on or suggesting approaches to maintaining Army compliance. The following EL/RAMP tools are used to meet this need of Army leadership and environmental managers:

- Requirement summaries
- Information papers
- Impact analyses
- Guidance documents
- Comments to regulators
- Testimony for Congress

For more information

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TOTAL TEAM SUPPORT

The USAEC EL/RAMP-F team, which includes both the coordinating staff and the program area subject matter experts, systematically determines which requirements have the greatest potential impact. The program area subject matter experts then produce documentation that voices the Army's views and concerns.

EL/RAMP-F activities are coordinated through a team framework consisting of a number of key Army organizations, including the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health; the Office of the Director of Environmental Programs; the U.S. Army Environmental Policy Institute; the Army Environmental Legislative Committee and the USAEC. The Office of the Chief, Legislative Liaison (OCLL), Office of The Judge Advocate General, and the affected Army Staff elements provide support when necessary.

The Army Regional Environmental Offices (REOs) use a similar approach to address proposed environmental and related legislation and regulations that may adversely affect the Army in their respective regions. The REOs and these other organizations work together to execute each phase of the EL/RAMP process.

The Army's EL/RAMP program provides an approach by which it can keep abreast of new and changing legislative and regulatory rules at the federal and state level, and be involved in the legislative and regulatory process. Through EL/RAMP, the Army is able to respond to environmental requirements and ensure that these support its training and national defense responsibilities.

